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### SABBATH SERVICES

Sabbath School.....	9:30 A. M.
Church Services.....	10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E.....	6:45 P. M.
Junior Y. P. S. C. E.....	2:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday .....	7:30 P. M.

The pastor expects to attend the commencement exercises of the Central Seminary, at Dayton, O., during the last week in April. In connection with these exercises the boards of which the pastor has been a member for many years will have their annual meetings.

The pastor has arranged for a series of Sunday evening sermons on the life of Christ, illustrated with stereopticon slides from the famous Bible paintings of Tissot. There will be five sermons in the series. The first will be given Sabbath evening, April 24. The others will follow on alternate Sunday evenings, May 8 and 22, June 5 and 19. The pastor has arranged for this series because in our Sunday School lessons we are at present studying the life of Christ. We hope to have a large attendance at these services.

It was a great delight to the pastor and people to see such a large attendance at the services during Easter week. The attendance gave inspira-

tion to the services. Why could we not have such an attendance at our mid-week prayer service? Suppose you make the effort, and get out to this service and then invite some one to come with you. If you are not attending the prayer meeting, you do not know how much you are missing, and how much you are leaving undone for the Master.

The following women constitute section No. 4, and will serve the monthly supper Thursday evening, May 5th. Managers, Mrs. Geo. Hesserdt, Mrs. C. H. Gumper; assistants, Carrie Eckert, Celia Hostman, Ed Riley, C. C. Gumper, Clara Klinkenberg, Louis Bercot, William Martin, Ed Hesserdt, Chas. Robinson, Geo. Gemmer, Misses Emma Bercot, Carrie Quigly, Bertha Goba, Rose Goba, Ruth Gumper, Esther Martin, Dr. J. H. Coblentz.

April 24—Missionary Study Class, John 12:20-32; Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

May 8—The Christian Graces, 1Pet. 4:7-11; Col. 4:6; Nora Minor.

May 15—Christ's Verities, John 6:26, 32, 47, 53; Estella Bottger.

May 22—What is it to be a Christian? Ps. 33:8-22; leaderless meeting.

If you miss any one of the Sabbath evening stereopticon sermons on the Life of Christ, you will regret it. Start with the first sermon, Sabbath evening, April 24. A twenty minute song service will precede each service.

### DEATHS.

Mrs. Anna R. Hills died at the family residence on West Superior street, Wednesday morning, March 16. She took seriously ill about a year ago and for several months there was little hope of her recovery, but she finally regained her health sufficiently so that she was again able to be up and about in the house, and was fairly comfortable. About two weeks before her death she had a relapse and at once developed some very serious symptoms of a complication of ailments. She failed rapidly in strength, though able to be up in her chair, until the evening before her death. The end came very peacefully. Mrs. Hills was born in Germantown, Pa., May 28, 1826. She was aged 83 years, 9 months and 28 days. She was the daughter of William and Sarah (Smith) Williams. She spent a number of years in her native state, residing in Lancaster, Lockhaven and Wellsborough. From 1865 to 1881 she lived in New York City. She then came west, accompanied by her son, Leslie, and grandson Frank K. Hills. The family resided in Fort Wayne for the past 25 years. In a letter of condolence sent to the son by the doctor who had been the family physician for twenty or more years. The doctor said: "Your mother was a remarkable woman." Mrs. Hills had a frail body but an active mind and a resolute will. She was a great reader and was always conversant with the current news of the day, and was able to retain what she read. She had remarkable business tact and ability. When she resided in New York City, she was active in temperance and missionary work. For a number of years she was actively associated with the workers of the old Water Street Mission, in the time of Pete Dwyer and Jerry McCauley. August 9, 1894 the

family united with Grace Church. While not able to be present at the public service for a number of years, Mrs. Hills was a liberal supporter of her church, and was deeply interested in the work of the Lord. She was always delighted with her pastors visits, and in the reading of the scripture and in prayer. She knew the end was coming and told her pastor in his last visit. that she was ready and that it would not be very long until she would go to her rest. Mrs. Hills had many excellent and amiable qualities. We shall miss her very much. Three sons survive her, Leslie W., who has lived with his mother for many years; the other sons live at Cedarvale, Kansas. There are living two grandsons, Frank K., of this city, and a grandson at Cedarvale, Kan; two neices survive, Miss Carie Quigly and Mrs. Dalet, Piteairon, Pa. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor at the home on Saturday afternoon, March 19.

William Madison, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sproaht, died Friday morning, March 18, of Pneumonia. He was born April 21, 1907. He was aged 2 years and 10 months. He was a bright and affectionate child. When he passed away he bid his father and mother good-bye, and said: "I am going away." Though but a child he seemed to be conscious of the fact that death was not the end and that he was going away to some place, where the spirit would live on. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings God has perfected his praise. The father, mother and three sisters survive this departed child. The funeral services were held on Monday afternoon, March 21, from the home.

Miss Amelia M. Koeph died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Christian Waldo, on Harrison street, Friday, April 1. She took ill at the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Watterson, in Buffalo, N. Y., Wednesday, March 16. The family was notified of her illness and her brother, John, who for the present resides at Toledo, went to Buffalo at once and brought the sister to this city, where she could have the care and nursing of her sister and friends. She took ill with a stroke of paralysis and there was little hope for her recovery from the start. She was in constant suffering until she passed away to her final rest. She was an amiable christian girl and was a member of the Salem Reformed Church of this city, for many years. She was baptized in infancy by Rev. Dr. Klein, and confirmed by Rev. Dr. C. F. Kriete, now of Louisville, Ky. She leaves to mourn her death, one sister, Mrs. Christian Waldo, and two brothers, Henry, of this city, and John of Toledo, O. The funeral services were held Sabbath afternoon, April 3, from the Salem Reformed church, conducted by her pastor, Rev. Edward Kielsmeyer, assisted by the pastor of Grace Church.

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Raymond L., son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Relue, residing on Dwenger avenue, died Tuesday morning April 5, aged 1 year and 10 months. The funeral services were held at the home, Friday afternoon, April 8. The father, mother and one sister survive this little one.

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Mrs. Mary E. Chapman died at the St. Roche's hospital Friday evening, April 8, after a lingering illness of several years. She was born in Union county, Ohio, January 7, 1865. She was aged 45 years, 3 months and 1 day. She was married to Jason S. Chapman, February 16, 1881. She was the mother of two children, a daughter and son. Six years ago the daughter died, after an illness of five or six months. Soon after the husband began to decline in health, and in the hope that he might regain his health the family went to

California, where the husband died a year later. The death of the daughter, and husband, and the anxiety during their illness was too much for this sister. Soon after the death of the husband, her health became impaired and she again went to the west, hoping that she might be benefitted by the change of climate. In this she was disappointed and early last autumn she returned to Fort Wayne to spend her remaining days here with her friends and acquaintances. She had known for sometime that death was inevitable, and she had made full preparation for the final summons. She was in constant suffering for the past months, but she waited patiently for the hour of her deliverance and when she might go and join the company of friends who had preceeded her to the eternal world. She made a very brave effort to keep up her home for the sake of the son, but finally found that it would be better for both, if she would go to the hospital where she could have the care of skilled nurses. She was a devout christian woman, a devoted wife and mother. She had many friends in the city, who showed her much kindness and were a great comfort to her, in her many sorrows and afflictions. She was a member of Grace Church for the past six years. She was also a member of the order of the Daughters of Rebecca, who gave her every care and attention. The son, three brothers and one sister remain to sorrow the departure of this loved one. At her death the body was removed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, residing on Glasgow avenue, former neighbors and fast friends of the family. The funeral services were held at the church Monday afternoon, April 11.

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The Woman's Aid Society will have its next monthly meeting Thursday afternoon, May 5. The women of section 4 will serve supper from 5 to 8 p. m.



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### THE EASTER SERVICES.

The special services during Easter week were well attended, and much interest was manifested. The services on Easter Sunday were especially impressive and uplifting. We never had a larger attendance at the Easter communion. The large chorus choir rendered exceptionally good music, which always adds so much to the interest of the services. There were twenty-one accessions to the church, and four children were baptized. The number of communicants was larger than on former occasions. The individual communion service, was used for the first time and every person seemed to be well pleased with it. In the evening the choir rendered Mr. Geibel's Easter Cantata, "Light Out of Darkness." There was a good attendance and the cantata was rendered with good effect. It was one of the best things we have ever had. The Easter offerings for benevolence, by the congregation, amounted to \$57.05, by the Sunday school \$24.04. Total \$81.09.

Mr. Conrad is with us again, and everybody is glad to see him. We hope to have him remain all summer. He will celebrate his 87th birthday Sunday April 24. He is well preserved in mind and body for a man of his advanced age. He was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania. He came with his parents to Stark county, Ohio, at the age of eight years. He has spent considerable of his time with us in our home at Goshen, and in this city, but he has always retained his place of residence in Stark county, Ohio, for 35 years at Canton. He was baptized in his infancy by Rev. Helfrick, a pastor

of the Reformed Church in Pennsylvania, and was confirmed by Rev. Dr. Peter Herburk, pastor of the First Reformed Church, Canton, O. He has held a long membership in the church of his fathers, and of his choice. We hope the Lord may give him many more happy returns of his natal day.

Mrs. Rev. C. F. Kriete, of Louisville, Ky., was in the city to attend the funeral of Miss Amelia Koepf, Sunday, April 3. While in the city she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Katie Weiler, of Lake avenue. She attended our service Sabbath evening, April 3, and at the close of the service spent an hour or more with us at the parish house. We were glad to have her at our services and in our home and were pleased to learn of the continued success of their work in Louisville. The family is well and prosperous. The son, Carl, who has spoken for us at our Sabbath services is a member of the graduating class in the central Theological Seminary, Dayton, O., and will soon be licensed and ordained to the gospel ministry. He is a student volunteer, and expects to go to Japan in the near future as an Evangelist.

The women of the Third Section gave the supper for the month of April, they had a splendid supper, and had a very good patronage, but the attendance might have been, and should have been much larger. The small amount that is charged for these suppers should not hinder any of our people from coming. It will do you good to come to the church once a month and eat a meal with your fellow church members. The meals are always worth more than the amount asked and the social feature of the suppers will be very helpful to you. Section No. 4 will give the next Supper, Thursday evening, May 5. Do not have any other dates for supper that evening.

Mrs. Dalet, son and wife, from Pitcairon, Pa., were in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Hills. Mrs. Dalet is a neice of Mrs. Hills, and a sister of Miss Qpigli, who has been staying with her aunt for the past three or four years. Mrs. Dalet remained in the city until April 15. The son, Mr. Dalet is secretary of the Railroad Y. M. C. A., in Pitcairon. He is a splendid christian man. He spoke for us at our Sabbath evening service, March 20 and gave us a very good talk.

Dr. Parley Zortman, of Philadelphia, gave us a very happy surprise Wednesday evening, April 20. He was on his way east from Winona and stopped off with us between trains. We were more than pleased to have him with us again. He spoke for us at the prayer meeting and then tarried with us for a little while in the home. Our people were glad to see and hear him again. We are ready for such surprises at any time.

The committee appointed by the Woman's Aid Society consisting of Mrs. John Bottger, Mrs. H. P. Dinger and Miss Anna Doermer, to solicit for the individual communion service, met with a hearty and liberal response. The committee has not completed the canvass of the entire membership, but we are sure they will raise the full amount needed for the service, which is about \$30.00. We find that we will need an additional tray to the number which we ordered.

Plans are quite well on the way for the Chapman-Alexander meetings which are to be held in the city the latter part of November and first of December, of this year. It is not any too early to begin praying for these meetings. Think what they may mean to you, and to your unconverted friends.

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March 26, at the parsonage, Claude H. Rhodes and Miss Daisy Kelley.

April 7, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hildebrand, 834 Washington boulevard west, George W. Dollar and Mrs. Mayme Lockhart.

April 9, at the parsonage, Cleveland S. Schlatter and Miss Lola C. Landis.

We extend hearty congratulations to these young people and wish for them a happy and prosperous future.

Mrs. Romy and Mrs. Monn recently visited Mr. and Mrs. James Romy at Kent, O. They had a pleasant time while on their visit.

Mr. Kings moved from their home on East Washington street and now reside at 626 Lawton Place.

Mrs. A. C. Katt, and sons, have returned to the city from Covington, Ky., where they spent the winter with Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Schaaf. We are glad to see the boys in the Sunday school again.

Grace Church will celebrate its 27th Anniversary on Pentecost, May 15th. We expect to make this a great day for the Church.

Mrs. Daisy KrohnMiller, has been to the Lutheran hospital for treatment, since our last issue of the Visitor. She is at her home now, and is getting along nicely. She is happy in the hope of her speedy and full recovery.

The Woman's Aid and the Woman's Missionary Society have a standing invitation to spend an afternoon at the orphan's home. The invitation will likely be accepted some time next month.

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